

HONORING RECIPIENTS OF 2010  
THIRD DISTRICT EXCELLENCE IN  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
AWARD

**HON. ADRIAN SMITH**

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 22, 2010*

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor eleven individuals, organizations and businesses from Nebraska for receiving the 2010 Third District Excellence in Economic Development Award.

Nebraska, like many rural states, unfortunately has seen a "brain drain" in recent years and, now more than ever, needs entrepreneurs and innovators.

In June, I called for nominations for individuals, businesses, and organizations which have helped strengthen Nebraska communities. These entrepreneurs do more than just build successful businesses. They host charity events, serve on local chambers of commerce, and shape the character of our towns and cities.

The nominations came from many different people, from teenagers starting their own business to leaders in the business communities. All of the nominees have shown they are striving to help their home towns succeed into the future.

Hartelco (Hartington): This firm has contributed significant economic growth and business retention in rural Nebraska by supplying state-of-the-art telecommunications infrastructure, including plans for all businesses and residents to be connected to fiber optics. The company recently completed a \$1.5 million dollar office building and donates manpower, equipment, and time to community projects.

Ward Laboratories, Inc. (Kearney): This company provides agricultural testing of soil, plant, and fertilizer samples which lead to more informed land management practices. The company, through principles based on science, has contributed to the economic advancement of many rural areas in Nebraska.

Green Revolution Handbags (Albion): Lauren Bygland, a Boone Central High School senior, produces fashionable purses made of recyclable materials—including film strips, rice bags, and playing cards. She will continue her earth-friendly design business while majoring in business in college.

Don Freeman (York): Don Freeman has followed his family tradition of community service for over 50 years, both as a business owner and by serving on many community boards. He has contributed to job creation through expansion of his own company, and by supporting the economic development efforts of the region.

Tracee Ford/Stacey Adamson (Cody/Kilgore): These two teachers worked with students to secure grant funding, along with community contributions to start a student business incubator, including a student-run and community-owned grocery store. The project has revitalized the area and serves as an example of education in entrepreneurship bringing economic opportunities to rural areas.

Sandhills Country Door Café and Coffee House (Mullen): Tim and Jennifer Macke have offered locals a place to get home cooked meals, specialty drinks, computer repairs, and local greeting cards—as well as providing a

space for locals to gather to mark a special occasion. The efforts of this couple in providing essential community services contribute to sustaining the community.

Barb Sprague (Red Cloud): Barb has given selflessly to the Red Cloud community through public service, school involvement, and faith-based events. She has recently initiated a leadership group in Red Cloud which has resulted in receiving grant funding to promote business development in the community.

Heartland Shooting Park (Grand Island): Created primarily through private donations and thousands of volunteer hours, this city-operated shooting park has been the site of several national competitive events, including the U.S. Practical Shooting Area 3 Championships and the National 4-H Invitational, bringing hundreds of visitors to the region.

Apogee Retail, LLC (Columbus): Apogee employees conduct outbound phone calls on behalf of various charities requesting donations of household and clothing items. The Columbus facility employs more than 600 area residents and has been recognized for hiring and training employees with disabilities.

Thompson Wildcat Trailers (Albion): Curtis Thompson, a junior at Boone Central High School, designs, builds, and modifies custom trailers. He has utilized his skills in welding and wiring to start his business. Following graduation, he plans to expand his business through continued training in diesel mechanics.

I am proud to be able to recognize all of the honorees today and I thank them for their service to Nebraska.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 22, 2010*

Mrs. NORTON. Madam Speaker, on September 16, 2010, I was not able to be present for votes on amendments to H.R. 4785, the Rural Energy Savings Program Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on Rollcall No. 529.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF  
DONALD LEE BEAN

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 22, 2010*

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Mr. Donald Lee Bean, a devoted husband, father and friend. His life reflected his love for family and friends and an unwavering dedication to journalism.

Mr. Bean grew up in Northfield as one of five boys. He served for four years in the U.S. Air Force, and then he enrolled at Kent State University, where he graduated in 1954. He worked for several Cleveland news outlets, including the Cleveland Press, Cleveland News and a number of radio stations before joining the Plain Dealer in 1961. As a reporter for the 'PD,' Mr. Bean covered all sections of the paper, including crime, City Hall happenings,

courts, feature articles, general assignments and obituaries. He also held the title of Assistant City Editor and for decades was deeply connected to the inner circles within Cleveland's political and social scenes. Thanks to his experience and knowledge, Mr. Bean was the reporter who uncovered stories that no one else could break.

Mr. Bean was a colorful character known for his humor, wit and kindness. He was also known as a great mentor and friend to colleagues. Mr. Bean covered the major stories that helped shape the history of Cleveland, including the Hough and Glenville Riots and the Dr. Sam Sheppard murder trial. Mr. Bean was relentless in his pursuit of the truth; his reporting consistently demonstrated honesty, integrity and fairness. In 1983, he selflessly shared his own personal struggles with alcohol in a piece he wrote for the Plain Dealer, giving hope and inspiration to countless readers. He was also a lifelong blood donor.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Mr. Donald Lee Bean. I offer my condolences to his wife, Olga; to his daughter, Nadine; to his sons, Matthew and Scott; to his six granddaughters and one great-granddaughter; and to his many extended family members and numerous friends. Mr. Bean lived his life with a generous heart and love for family and friends. He will always be remembered by those who knew and loved him, and I count myself as one those who loved him.

HONORING MARTY DICKENS

**HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 22, 2010*

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Marty Dickens on his receiving the Joe and Honey Rodgers Leadership Award. Named for Honey and the late Joe Rodgers, former United States Ambassador to France, it is fitting this award honor Marty Dickens. From hosting international students, to leading major corporations, to serving on local boards, Dickens shares the drive and example set forth by Ambassador Rodgers.

Following the vision of evangelist Billy Graham, the Operation Andrew Group was launched to meet the spiritual and social needs of Middle Tennessee. Bringing together 250 churches, from a broad spectrum of Christian faiths, the Operation Andrew Group seeks to unify faith-based organizations to act as the catalyst for change. Operation Andrew Group's first major outreach project, The Gathering, attracted over 8,000 attendees in joint worship and praise. Similar events are held annually to focus the faithful of Middle Tennessee on the mission of the Almighty.

I appreciate all the churches, businesses, and civic agencies who from their offerings meet the changing needs of growing community. I also appreciate Marty Dickens for his dedication to Nashville and the surrounding community. I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Marty Dickens for his outstanding leadership, commitment to character, and consistency in living the Christian faith.